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1. [REDACTED] Received a call from William Shaw, Research Director, House Internal Security Committee, who asked if we might have a compilation of any statistics on the subject of political kidnappings. I told him that I would check and suggested that a contact with State might be productive as there have been some negotiations concerning extradition, skyjacking, and protection of diplomatic personnel, for which the type of compilation in which he is interested may have been prepared.

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[REDACTED] Called Linn Noah, USIA, and asked if there was anything to information that I had picked up that Senator Gale McGee (D., Wyo.) is thinking of proposing an amendment to strike section 205 from the Foreign Relations Authorization Act of 1972, S. 3526. He said he would check into it and let me know if there is any substance, but that as far as he knew, the consensus seems to be developing for resolving the problem through Chairman Morgan of the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

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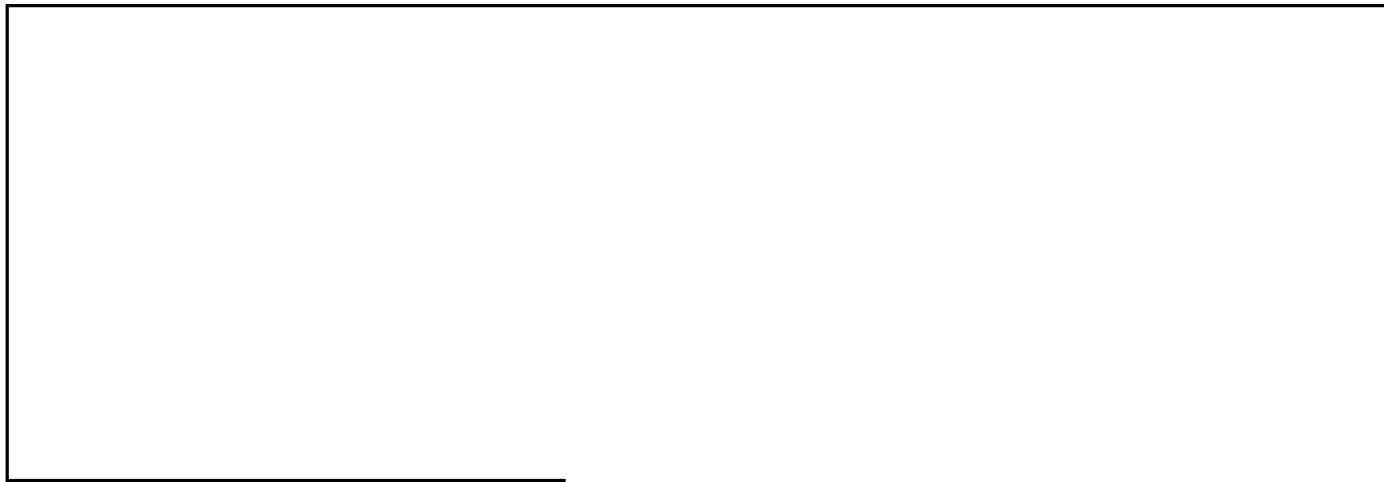
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[redacted] Received a call from Mr. George Berdes, National Security Policy and Scientific Developments Subcommittee staff of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, who told me that conflict in Committee assignment will limit the number of individuals to be present next Thursday and suggested that go over to the following week. After checking with Mr. Duckett's, DDS&T, office I called Mr. Berdes and suggested Tuesday morning, 9 May, at 10:00. He will check with the Chairman and be back in touch tomorrow. See Journal of 26 April 1972.

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3. [redacted] Left with Senator Gordon Allott's (R., Colo.) office copies of the back issues of the FBIS USSR book covering the past two weeks. This was in response to a request of Dana Patton of the Senator's staff.

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4. [redacted] Left with David Martin, of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, some additional material on the Versailles Peace Conference on Southeast Asia with the understanding that this material would be used by Martin in its present form.

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7. [ ] At his request I met with Mr. Bob O'Regan, on the staff of Representative Dante B. Fascell (D., Fla.), who gave me a copy of a letter to the Congressman from [ ] requesting information on Cuban radio stations in Florida. According to [ ] these stations are making Spanish language broadcasts not only attacking Castro but also criticizing U.S. policies, the President's proposed trip to Moscow, and related matters. O'Regan asked if I would provide him with information which they could use in responding to [ ] letter. I have passed this to WH Division for advice.

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8. [ ] Accompanied [ ] who briefed Senator Charles Percy and Scott Cohen, of his staff, on the military situation in Vietnam. The Senator was particularly interested in talk of a "Dunkirk" situation which might confront the remaining U.S. troops in South Vietnam, the military threat to Saigon, the role of the South Vietnamese air force, and the overall military prospects of the war.

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Following the above meeting, I mentioned to Senator Percy, and followed up in a conversation with Scott Cohen, our concern [ ]

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9. [ ] Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and discussed [ ]

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10. [ ] Called Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, regarding a request from Chairman Moorhead, Foreign Operations and Government Information Subcommittee, House Government Operations Committee, for Agency witnesses to appear on 5 May to testify on security and classification problems. Slatinshek's off-the-cuff comment was (a) we cannot avoid appearing, (b) it would be helpful to buy time so that Chairman Nedzi and our oversight Subcommittee could cover this problem with us first, and (c) when we do appear before Moorhead we should not push for executive session, since an appearance in open session would provide justification for refusing to answer any detailed questions.

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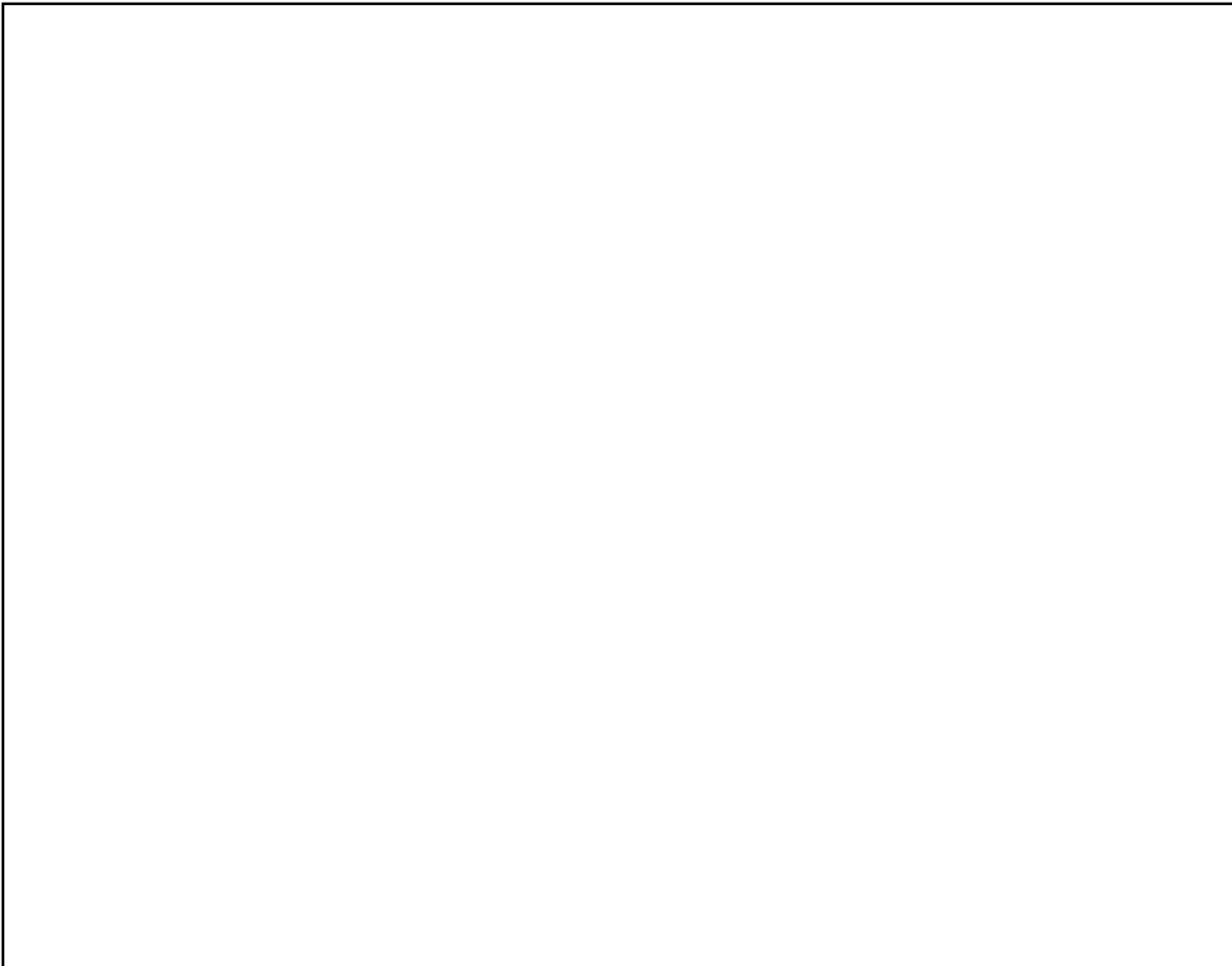
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10. [ ] Received a call from Mr. George Berdes, National Security Policy and Scientific Developments Subcommittee staff of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, who told me that Chairman Zablocki would appreciate a followon briefing concerning Soviet strategic weapons to the one given the Subcommittee on 4 November. He also noted the comments of the Chairman and members at the November briefing as one of the finest they had ever received. After checking Mr. Duckett's, DDS&T, availability a tentative meeting was scheduled for 10:00 a.m., Thursday, 4 May. It was tentatively agreed, subject to approval by the Chairman, that the briefing time be limited to about an hour to be made up of 25 minutes or so briefing and the remaining time for questions by the members.

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[REDACTED] I checked lightly with the staffs of House Appropriations, Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, Representative Frank Bow's (R., Ohio) office, and personally with Representative Clement Zablocki (D., Wis.) but none of them knew of anyone in the House who had received a copy of [REDACTED] letter to the Congress.

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5. [REDACTED] Left with the office of Senator Edward Kennedy (D., Mass.) an FBIS item in which the Senator was mentioned.

Left with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff an FBIS item in which Senator Fulbright was mentioned.

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Received a call early this morning from Dorothy Fosdick, Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, who said Senator Jackson had just called her regarding the William Beecher article in today's New York Times regarding a new Soviet missile and would like his staff briefed on this as soon as possible.

I later met with Miss Fosdick in the Senator's office and briefed her on our present assessment of the information mentioned in the Beecher article cautioning it was tentative and the Senator might find himself out on an embarrassing limb if he tried to draw firm conclusions from the information at this stage.

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1. [ ] Called Cliff Hackett, on the staff of House Foreign Affairs, and told him we checked with the field and found that [ ]

but was passing to the Embassy such information as it turned up on this subject. I suggested that Hackett should therefore raise the question with the State Department, to which he agreed.

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2. [ ] Called James Halmo, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, to ask whether they had received a letter from Senator Ervin (D., N.C.) inquiring about executive agreements, and how they propose to reply. Halmo said that Charles Bevans, Assistant Legal Advisor for Treaty Affairs, was the expert on this subject and suggested we talk to him. I passed this word on to Mr. Houston, General Counsel, who will get in touch with Bevans.

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3. [ ] Called Rady Johnson, Assistant to the Secretary of Defense (Legislative Affairs), about Senator Ervin's request on executive agreements. Johnson said Defense General Counsel, Fred Buzhardt, was going to handle it, and was planning to testify on the matter. I asked Johnson if he knew of any accepted definition of executive agreement. He said he did not. I said I would ask Larry Houston to call Buzhardt.

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4. [ ] John Goldsmith, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, called regarding articles in the New York Post on 29 March and the Chicago Sun-Times on 28 March stating that Mr. John McCone was supporting the Cooper bill which provided for dissemination of intelligence information to the Congress. Goldsmith was interested in any information we had on the basis of these two articles. I called him back later and told him we knew of no basis for these statements except the possibility that someone had seen Mr. McCone's name on the list of possible witnesses favorable to this legislation, but we had no information as to whether or not Mr. McCone would, in fact, testify.

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